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Cross Heart

BREAKDOWN

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I'M JUST IMAGINING THINGS AFTER ALL.
BUT I THINK SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THEN.
OR MAYBE...
ENOUGH, HARU!
STOP THINKING ODD THINGS!
IF SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED, KOTOMI WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO THINK.
HARU-CHAN!
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE ALREADY?
STOP SMOKING YOURSELF AND HURRY UP WILL YOU!?
WASN'T IT YOU WHO WANTED TO SEE THE CLASS LISTS SO BADLY?
AH, YEAH!

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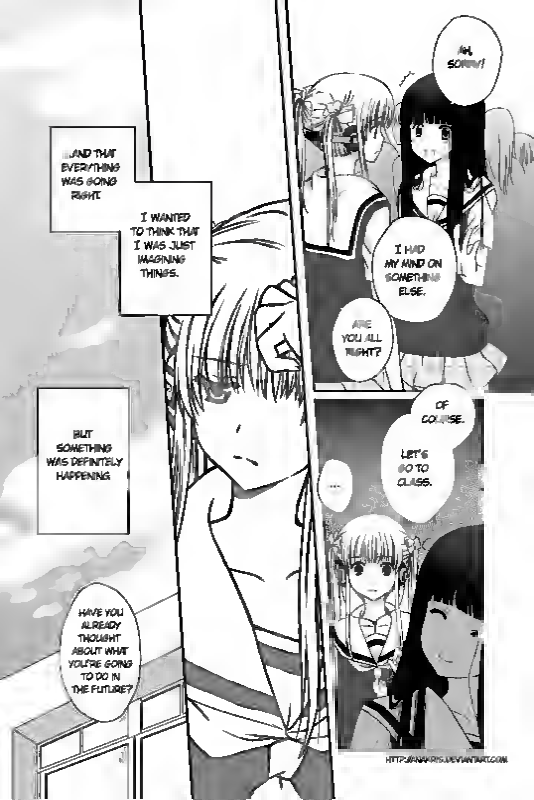
HAVE YOU ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IN THE FUTURE?
BUT SOMETHING WAS DEFINITELY HAPPENING.
...AND THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING RIGHT.
I WANTED TO THINK THAT I WAS JUST IMAGINING THINGS.
AH, SORRY!
I HAD MY MIND ON SOMETHING ELSE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OF COURSE.
LET'S GO TO CLASS.
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HUH?
DON'T YOU SEE THIS IS OUR LAST YEAR AT HIGH SCHOOL?
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO START THINKING ON WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT.
THE LIFE OUT THERE ISN'T EASY
THE TRUTH IS I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT YET...
WELL...
YOU'RE AS CARELESS AS HARU.
YOU SPEND WAY TOO MUCH TIME WITH HER.
HEY!
I DO KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!
AND I'M GOING TO GET A JOB!

AT LEAST FOR NOW.
NO.
A JOB? ARE YOU NOT GOING TO KEEP ON STUDYING?
I WANT TO START EARNING MONEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
I HAVE DREAMS I WANT TO BECOME REAL, AND THAT CANNOT WAIT.
AND I NEED TO BECOME INDEPENDENT IN ORDER TO DO IT. I WANT TO HAVE MY OWN APARTMENT.
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WE COULD LIVE TOGETHER.
AND START BUILDING MY LIFE BY MYSELF.
IF I KEEP ON STUDYING I'D STILL RELY ON MY FAMILY FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS MORE.
AND I DON'T LIKE THAT. I MADE UP MY MIND SOME TIME AGO.
AHHH! I'M SORRY!
I'M SAYING ODD THINGS AGAIN, AREN'T I?
D-DO I SAY ALL THAT OUT LOUD?
OF COURSE NOT.
YES, YOU DO.

I WAS THINKING...
THAT YOU'RE SO COURAGEOUS AND HONEST WITH YOURSELF
AND THAT'S SOMETHING I LIKE ABOUT YOU.
KOTOMI...
HARU SEEMS TO BE A CHILDISH PERSON.
BUT INSIDE, SHE'S THE MOST MATURE OUT OF ALL OF US.
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I'D LIKE TO SEE THINGS AS CLEARLY AS YOU DO.
HEY! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING I'M TO BE CHILDISH PERSON??
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN.
LEAD ME TO THE ME DEAD END
TO BE MORE DECISIVE, HOWEVER.
TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE PEDAL, WILL YOU?
HARU TRIES SO HARD EVERY DAY IN ORDER TO BECOME AN EVEN BETTER PERSON...
IN ORDER TO MAKE ME HAPPY.
I FEEL LIKE ALL THE ROADS IS DIKE...

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... CAPABLE OF MAKING HER HAPPY TOO.
I WANTED TO BECOME A PERSON...
WHILE I... I'M NOT EVEN ABLE TO BE HONEST WITH HER.
BUT NOW...
I FEEL LIKE ALL OF MY EFFORTS SPENT ON IMPROVING MYSELF...
WERE USELESS.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, YOKO-CHAN?
HAVE YOU ALREADY DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO NEXT?
OF COURSE, I HAVE!

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I'M GOING TO STUDY ABROAD FOR A WHILE.
...!
WAIT? REALLY?
YES, I'M GOING TO THE UNITED STATES. I GOT A SCHOLARSHIP AND THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE TO SEE MORE OF THE WORLD
MY PARENTS AND I ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THIS AND THEY THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA.
AWESOME!
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
ACTUALLY, THEY WERE VERY EXCITED
THEY REALLY WANT ME OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.
AND THEY ALREADY STARTED PREPARING. THEY EVEN BOUGHT ME NEW CLOTHES
ALTHOUGH THERE'S STILL ONE YEAR TO GO.
BUT...
AREN'T YOU SAD?
WHAT?
?

HMM. I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT I DON'T LIKE TO LOOK AT THE BAD SIDE OF THINGS.
THOSE PEOPLE WILL STILL BE HERE WHEN I COME BACK.
HAVING TO GO THAT FAR, AND HAVING TO BE APART FROM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR SO LONG.
I MEAN.
ISN'T IT KIND OF SAD TO LEAVE ALL THAT BEHIND?
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I WANT TO BELIEVE... THAT WHEN TWO PEOPLE...
REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER, THEY TIE THEIR SOULS TOGETHER.
SO IT CREATES AN UNBREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN THEIR HEARTS.
A BOND THAT WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR, REGARDLESS OF THE DISTANCE THAT KEEPS THEM APART FROM EACH OTHER.
EVEN IF THEY CAN'T BE PHYSICALLY TOGETHER, THE HEART ALWAYS BRINGS THE PEOPLE TOGETHER AGAIN.
THAT'S...

SHE'S RIGHT. I MUST BE COURAGEOUS TOO AND FACE THOSE THINGS.
AND THE OBSTACLES FROM TODAY WILL STRENGHTEN ME FOR TOMORROW.
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT MY GRANDMA USED TO SAY.
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HMM
I THINK I PICKED EVERYTHING FROM THE LIST.
...
HOWEVER, SHE'S BEEN KIND OF SPIRITLESS LATELY.
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT NOT KNOWING WHAT IT IS THAT BOTHERS HER SO MUCH.
I WONDER IF I DID ANYTHING THAT MADE HER FEEL BAD..
I WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET KOTOMI AFTER SCHOOL TODAY.
IT'S LIKE SHE HAD A MEETING.

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MY LIFE STARTED...
RIGHT AT THE MOMENT I BEGAN TO SHARE IT WITH HER.
THE BEGINNING OF OUR STORY TOGETHER.
I WANT TO BE WITH HER FOREVER.
I LOVE HER.
I LOVE HER, DESPERATELY.
I CANNOT KEEP THIS FEELING UNDER CONTROL.
IT RULES MY WHOLE WORLD.
AND DRAGS ME TO HER.

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SHE MUST BE TIRED.
AND MAYBE SHE'S ALREADY ASLEEP.
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LEAVE IT FOR TOMORROW.
I WANT TO KNOW HOW SHE IS.
AFTER ALL, I'LL SEND HER A TEXT MESSAGE. BUT I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER HER.
I'LL HOLD ON. BECAUSE I'M QUITE SURE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HER TOMORROW.
AND THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
AND ALSO THE DAY AFTER THE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE OF THAT THE ANXIETY'S STILL GROWING IN MY CHEST.
AND IT WON'T LET ME BE. THE
MY HEART'S BEGGING TO SEE HER.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO IGNORE IT... IT'S VOICE RAISES OVER THE OTHER NOISES.
I WANT TO SEE HER.
WHY CAN'T I BE PATIENT?

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WAH! FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT I HAD FALLEN ASLEEP AND THIS WAS A DREAM!
?
WHAT IS IT?
IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
A BUG?!
HARU-CHAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU UNTIL TOMORROW.
ME NEITHER.
BUT I NEEDED TO SEE YOU RIGHT NOW AND I FELT LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT COULDN'T BE DELAYED ANYMORE.
SO I'M GLAD I'VE MET YOU HERE
CAN WE GO FOR A WALK..?
TOGETHER.
OF COURSE.

Is it okay for you to be outside alone at night?
Huh?
What I meant to say is, are you okay?
Oh, relax. It's not that late either.
As long as I stay by your side...
And nothing bad will happen to me
I know it now.
This could sound odd
But somehow it's like you had turned...
Into some kind of guardian angel for me
Kotomi...
You don't have to thank me for anything.
I wanted to thank you for that.
Because no one has ever done as much for me as you have
Because you've always been watching over me.
Only worrying for my well-being.
http://nanase.pixiv.net

I'VE TOLD YOU THIS A THOUSAND TIMES. YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ME
I WANT TO PROTECT YOU. I'LL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU.
SO PLEASE.
IF SOMETHING EVER HAPPENS TO YOU, OR IF YOU'RE FEELING SAD ABOUT SOMETHING, DON'T HESITATE TO TELL ME.
TRULY, YOU'VE BEEN LIKE AN ANGEL...
?
KOTONI?
HMM.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU.
YOU SEEMED LIKE A PERSON SO DISTANT FROM ME.
YOU WERE LOOKING AT ME FROM THE WINDOW OF YOUR CLASSROOM.
UAH! YOU KNEW IT?!
YES.
I ALWAYS KNEW IT.
BUT BACK THEN, JUST THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO INTERACT WITH SOMEONE SO DEEPLY... FRIGHTENED ME
SO I DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING CLOSER TO YOU.
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EVEN THOUGH WE'VE GONE THROUGH SO MANY SAD MOMENTS, I DON'T WANT TO FORGET ANYTHING
BECAUSE THANKS TO THAT WE'VE BECOME JUST AS WE ARE RIGHT NOW.
BUT FINALLY IT WAS YOU...
WHO CAME TO ME.
WHEN I... I'D LOST... VE... HOPE...
AH, LOOK!
IT'S A SHOOTING STAR!
QUICK, MAKE A WISH!
YOU FELL IN MY LIFE LIKE A DROP OF LIGHT.
YOU SHOWED ME THE WAY
I WISH...
AND BROUGHT LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS OF MY HEART.
TO BE ABLE TO STAY BY KYOUKO'S SIDE...
FOREVER.
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I'M GOING TO MOVE TO ENGLAND NEXT WEEK.
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MY FATHER AND HER BRAND A CONTRACT WITH AN IMPORTANT COMPANY THERE
MY MOTHER CALLED ME A FEW DAYS AGO AND SHE TOLD ME IT.
...
AND THEY'RE NOT COMING BACK HERE. SO THEY WANT ME TO GO TO LIVE WITH THEM.
I'M STILL UNDERAGE.
AND THEY'RE GOING TO SELL OUR HOUSE.
I HAVE NO CHOICE
I'M SORRY. I'M SO SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU THIS BEFORE
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT WITHOUT BREAKING INTO PIECES.
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CONGRATULATIONS.
HARU...?
SOB
I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY
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...
THIS COULD BE A GOOD CHANCE FOR YOU TO GET CLOSER TO YOUR PARENTS AGAIN.
WASN'T IT WHAT YOU WISHED FOR SO MUCH?

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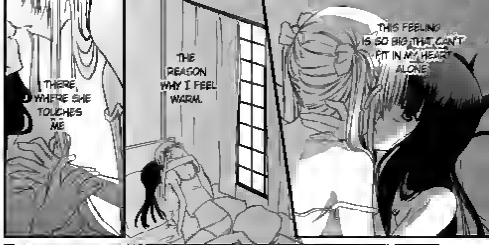
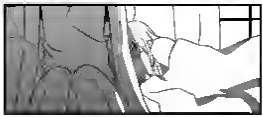
FINALLY YOU HAVE THE CHANCE OF RESTORING THE ABYSS THAT'S PLACED BETWEEN YOU AND THEM.
AND THIS WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THE SAD THINGS IN THE PAST BEHIND YOU.
FOR THAT REASON ...





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IT'S GETTING A BIT LATE.
I HAVE TO LEAVE
THEY MUST'VE BEEN WAITING A WHILE FOR ME AT HOME FOR DINNER.
I'M NOT GOING TO CRY.
I CAN'T CRY.
I MUSTN'T CRY IN FRONT OF HER.
UGH... OF COURSE IT WASN'T THIS.
WHAT I WISHED FOR?

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THOSE ARE... THE WORDS MY HEART'S SHOUTING
BUT, I CAN'T TELL HER THAT
"DON'T LEAVE...
...STAY WITH ME."
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT HER TO BE SAD FOR ME.
OR TO BE A HINDRANCE THAT COULD STOP HER FROM FULFILLING HER WISHES.
I FEEL LIKE MY WORLD'S BREAKING INTO PIECES AROUND ME
AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP IT.
THIS... HAS TO BE A NIGHTMARE.
END OF PART A-

KOTOMI?
HELLO?
M-MOM?
I'M SORRY FOR CALLING SO SUDDENLY.
DID I WAKE YOU UP?
ARE YOU EATING PROPERLY?
WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL?
AND YOUR GRADES?
UHH... EVERYTHING IS OKAY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS THERE...
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
WELL, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
ALL RIGHT. I KNOW YOU'RE SO RESPONSIBLE, BUT EVEN SO...
I THINK IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT WE'RE ALWAYS AWAY FOR SO LONG.
HUH?
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YOU SEE, YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT LATELY
AND WE THINK IT'LL BE THE BEST
?
WHAT'S GOING ON, MOM?
WE MADE A GOOD BUSINESS HERE, SO...
IT CAN'T BE...!
I WAS NAIVE FOR REALLY THINKING WE COULD STAY TOGETHER LIKE THIS FOREVER.

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PART A

UNHEARD FEELINGS

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TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF OUR LAST YEAR AT HIGH SCHOOL.
AND WE ARE CHANGING CLASSES AGAIN.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CLASS LISTS!
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF KOTOMI AND I END UP IN THE SAME CLASSROOM THIS YEAR.
HMM
OKAY
DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
WELL, YOUR GRADES FROM THE LAST YEAR DON'T SAY THAT.
YOU NEVER HAD TO REPEAT ANY YEARS.
I SHOULD BE FINE.
KOTOMI HELPS ME!
YOU SHOULD WORRY MOST ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL WILL INCREASE.
AND EVERYTHING WILL BE HARDER FROM NOW ON.
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S YOUR BIGGEST CONCERN.

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KOTOMI!!!
?
WHY AREN'T YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
HARU-CHAN, I'M TALKING TO YOU.
...
WHAT IS IT, KOTOMI?
YOU SHOULD TRY TO FOCUS ON YOUR STUDIES A LITTLE BIT MORE.
AH...
HARU-CHAN, YOKO-CHAN,
I DIDN'T SEE YOU. GOOD MORNING.
HOW ARE YOU?
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
YEAH. THE SAME AS ALWAYS.
IF YOU EVER NEED ME TO SLEEP WITH YOU, JUST TELL ME.
...OKAY.
THIS IS GETTING MORE AND MORE OBVIOUS.
TONE IT DOWN, YOU TWO.

ARE YOU TEASING ME? IS THAT IT?
HELP!!
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?!
YOKO-CHAN?!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT KOTOMI AND I FINALLY MADE THE NEXT STEP IN OUR RELATIONSHIP
WAH!
AND IT'S LIKE AT ANY MOMENT
SHE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGELY THESE LAST FEW DAYS
IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING IS BOTHERING HER.
SHE'S ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING
AND NOW WE'RE EVEN CLOSER.
EKO?
COME ON
BUT... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
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SHE COULD JUST DISAPPEAR.
YEAH, THE LAST TIME I SPENT THE NIGHT AT HER HOME.
I KNOW IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE !
I REMEMBER SHE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL.
I DIDN'T HEAR WHO WAS IT.
BUT I'M NOT SURE.
OR WHAT THEY TALKED ABOUT.
IT'S JUST A HAZY MEMORY I HAVE.
SINCE WHEN HAVE I BEEN FEELING LIKE THIS?
I THINK IT WAS AROUND ONE WEEK AGO.